

# THE SWORD

## NEWS AND VIEWS

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## What is behind Maintenance

by Paul Wendt

Concordia maintenance could best be described as the services of the few to the many. Directly or indirectly, all students, faculty, and staff at Concordia are affected by the services of the maintenance department. How is the maintenance department at CSP set-up? What are the specific duties assigned to this department? To whom is the maintenance department responsible? This article seeks to answer those questions.

According to Mr. Ralph Kirshbaum the task of the maintenance department is to maintain the condition and the cleanliness of the campus and associated grounds and buildings. This task includes upkeep, repair, preventive maintenance, cleaning, and campus aesthetics. The Board of Directors and the Cabinet sets the spending priorities and the budget for the maintenance department and specifies how many full-time personnel may be hired. The day to day operation of the maintenance department is contracted to Service Master, a maintenance management firm. Mr. Ken Byer along with Mr. Dave Blom comprise the management team provided by Service Master to run the department. The eight full-time employees of the department are actually employees of the college, but take their direction from the Service Master management team. Mr. Kirshbaum stated that the college was pleased with Service Master's management and noted several instances where Service Master recommendations resulted in monetary savings to the college. Among them was the installation of a recommended new boiler in Walther Hall that operates at 93% efficiency representing immediate and long term fuel cost savings. Mr. Kirshbaum feels that the maintenance department is carrying out its responsibilities well, though some believe that this is not the case. Mr. Kirshbaum stated it this way: "Do something wrong and it's glaring. Do something right and it tends not to be seen." Mr. Kirshbaum also stated that some

of the ongoing problems that maintenance is dealing with at present are due to a lack of preventive maintenance going back to the years before Service Master began serving the college. Mr. Kirshbaum added that the current maintenance staff is a group of individuals that truly have the best interest of the college at heart. Mr. Kirshbaum acts as the administrator for Service Master's Mr. Ken Byer.

Mr. Ken Byer provided a number of details on the specific duties and the organization of the maintenance department. The department is divided into two general areas. The first is upkeep and repair; the second is cleanliness, (custodial duties). The upkeep and repair division contains five technicians and one groundsman. These six individuals are responsible for the systems operation, preventive maintenance, repair and upkeep of: 20 large brick buildings, 4 houses used for faculty and staff housing, 2 block buildings that currently house businesses, 2 small apartment buildings, 3 smaller houses used for married student housing, and 28 acres of grounds and playing fields. In addition to the duties listed, this staff assists the custodial division in snow removal and other duties such as setting up and taking down for graduation or other special events. The upkeep and repair division is also responsible for minor construction projects and other duties as specified on a case by case basis by the college administration. (Major construction projects are let to private contractors by bid.) The upkeep and repair division staff is experienced or licensed in the following areas: boiler operation, refrigeration, electrical work, carpentry, lock smithing, plumbing, and general plant maintenance. General maintenance includes such things as the installation of window glass, plastering, painting, installation of carpet or flooring, and related tasks.

According to Mr. Byer all work requests are handled on a priority basis. The top priority is emergency situations. Examples of emergencies might include: heating system failure, broken exterior doors or broken windows, major plumbing leaks that threaten to flood adjoining areas, or serious safety problems. The next priority is any maintenance task that affects students. Examples might include items in classrooms, or dormitories, or other student areas. Tasks that do not fit into those two categories are ranked third. All maintenance requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis according to the priority system. Currently a certain amount of time is required to nurse along several heating systems that did not receive proper preventive maintenance years ago, and as a result, are in the process of failing. These systems are being replaced as time and money allow, but until replacement is complete, these systems will require vigilant attention to prevent breakdowns.

As an example of the duties performed by the repair and upkeep division, Mr. Byer provided the following statistics. From October 1 to October 31 the repair division completed 224 preventive maintenance operations and 284 corrective maintenance operations. (A corrective operation is a repair or replacement task.) 178 preventive maintenance operations and 38 corrective maintenance operations were carried over into November. The average time per operation was approximately 1 1/2 hours. (Task length varied from 15 minutes to several days.) Mr. Byer had this to say about the current maintenance staff. "I don't have to spend five minutes time worrying whether or not these guys are out there working. They have a level of dedication to this college and work hard at what they do." Mr. Byer also mentioned that while there have been several retirements in recent years, the current staff is likely to remain stable for



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the foreseeable future.

A CSP RA confirmed that major problems are quickly and efficiently dealt with by the maintenance department. Minor repairs were handled more quickly at the beginning of the year. Lately, some minor repairs have taken several weeks to be handled possibly due to the increased work load brought on by heating season.

In summation, a very few are responsible for the operation and care of a great deal of property. The faculty, students, and staff are dependant on those few to keep the mechanical systems running so faculty and students and staff can accomplish what they are here to do.

# What the @#!% is this?

by J.D. Goetz

The Christian News, November 21, 1988, reports the following on page 17:

"Dr. Daniel Bruch is pictured on the front page of the latest Concordia Commentator of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, along with other new faculty members of the college.

"The exegetical department of Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, says that Bruch is guilty of false doctrine. Some conservative pastors in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Minnesota South District are considering recommending to their congregations that they withhold funds from Concordia College until Bruch either retracts his false doctrine or is

removed. LCMS Minnesota South District President Cloeter is backing Bruch. Liberal pastors in the LCMS, who maintain that the Bible does not oppose the ordination of women to the Holy Ministry, are supporting Bruch. Some LCMS conservatives contend that LCMS President Ralph Bohlmann will take no action against Bruch because Bohlmann needs the support of liberals to win re-election in 1989. The Concordia Commentator also reports that Dr. Stephen Stohlmann has been advanced to professor. When conservatives in Minnesota informed the CN that Stohlmann accepted some of the same destructive notions of historical criticism (J-E-P-D hypothesis) as the liberal professors at Seminex, CN asked Stohlmann about his doctrinal position. Stohlmann did not respond."

## The Kings Players

By Chris Roth

Professor Michael Charron was looking for ten good men and women, and now he has found them -- King's Players Auditions were held December 6 and 7.

The 1989 King's Players team consists of: Faith Aman, Kirk Cunningham, Dean Dunavan, Carol Engle, Leah Jessesski, Jodi Johnson, Kimberly Johnson, Chris Roth, Jim Scriven, and Scott Ulbricht.

"King's Players is not only fun theatre - it's great ministry," exclaimed Charron. Formed three years ago, by Charron, the Players is a team of ten students who tour the country performing Biblical skits, dancing, and singing much original music.

Charron said the King's Players developed from a former CSP performing group called the Fabulous Fables. He eventually decided he could start using parables and turn the group into a ministry.

The performance schedule is already being set. Charron explained, "I've been getting calls about King's Players performances for this year since last summer." The group will be in Los Angeles, California, for ten days over spring break, and will perform at local churches throughout the year. They have also been invited to perform at the National Lutheran Youth Gathering in Denver this coming August.

Last year's group helped to develop the King's Players excellent reputation by performing at events such as the Minnesota South District Youth Gathering in Rochester and the Great Commission Convocation in St. Louis.

The group will rehearse for about six weeks in preparation for the L.A. tour.

## Nursing Home Caroling

by Ed Accola

This Thursday night at 5:45 pm, a group of Concordia students will set out with a mission. This mission will be to spread good will and cheer to the residents and staff of Midway Manor Nursing Home.

They will be Christmas caroling from 5:45 to 6:45 pm, and need as many people as possible to make it successful. If students can sing, they are wanted. If students can't sing, they are wanted. Even people who can't talk are needed, just to come along and help to stir up some memories of Christmases gone by for many lonely, elderly people.

Only one hour out of a busy schedule could be rewarded tenfold! To participate, meet on the steps of ARA at 5:45 on this Thursday, December 22, 1988. Transportation will be provided.

## Outreach Ministries

by Lori Helmuth

Some students may not be familiar with the name "Outreach Ministries"; instead, they may recognize the title "Youth Alive in Christ", or YAC. The name was changed to give a more accurate picture of the ministry of the organization. The group's aim is evangelism, as well as youth ministry, so the term, "outreach" was considered more appropriate.

Approximately fifty students divided into six groups are currently members of Outreach Ministries. Ambassadors for Christ, which has an evangelism focus, conducts workshops, helps congregations with canvassing, and is planning Celebrate Christ - Communicate Christ (CC<sup>2</sup>), an on-campus witness workshop for high school youth. Clowns for Christ is a team that specializes in clown ministry. New Life, the tour team, plans to travel through the midwest during spring break. Keeping the Faith, COKE, and JOY are teams that concentrate on youth ministry at area churches in the form of lock-ins, circuit rallies, and youth retreats. All teams present the Gospel to youth through singing, skits, and puppets.

Earlier this year, a mailing was sent to churches in parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota. These congregations can request a team of outreach students to come for a day or a weekend. Teams are matched up with requests, and



## Outreach Ministries

team captains contact the churches to finalize plans. Games, Bible studies, singing, and skits are usually part of a program.

The real benefits come when there is interaction between the team and the congregation. Youth groups are revitalized, friendships are established, and kids can see that it can be fun to be a Christian. Team members also grow in their faith in Christ as they prepare Bible studies and learn how to deal with issues facing today's young people.

Outreach Ministries provide a unique opportunity to reach out to others and grow in faith in the process. New members are always welcomed. For answers to any questions, contact Lori Helmuth (#881) or Merlene Blauert (#817).

# Legislatures Speak with Students

by J.D. Goetz

Two representatives of Concordia's Student Senate were recently able to attend a convention featuring U.S. Senator Dave Durenburger and Minnesota state Senator Greg Dahl.

Senate President Pete Hiller, and Rhonda Koch (Rhonda Renee) were among the audience of private college leaders chosen to attend a gathering of the Minnesota Association of Private College Students (MAPCS).

In an interview, Koch said that she found it quite interesting to hear the Senators' opinions, even though she did not always agree with what they were saying. "It was a good experience," said Pete Hiller.

Senator Dahl focused in on the problem of state aid to college students. Minnesota ranks fifth in the Nation in money paid for college aid, but according to Dahl, "We could do better."

Dahl is acting on legislation to get the state to pay its aid to some four-year students. Minnesota has not been paying as much money as current legislation dictates. Dahl believes that once this money is paid, the state should extend its financial aid program to a five-year plan for college students, since over fifty-five percent of of current college students now take five years to graduate.

Senator Durenburger stressed lobbying. He informed the group that the best way to have such legislation enacted is to become active. The keys to lobbying, according to the Senator are: Knowing who to contact, focusing in on issues, and writing letters. Durenburger said that if he received between only ten and one hundred letters on one issue, that this is enough to affect how he votes. Therefore, it takes only a relatively small number of people to actually change legislation.

## SENATE

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## CSP Senate Highlights

by Misi Stine, Senate Representative

Student Senate is in full swing, but what does this mean? Right now, many things! Including already forming committees to deal with some important issues concerning students.

One of these committees is the Office of Financial Management committee. The OFM committee is chaired by Chuck Harris. The purpose of this committee is to improve communication between the OFM and the financial aid office, which should eliminate some of the problems students are having in dealing with the two offices. The OFM committee has already met with persons from both offices to begin to open the lines of communication to better serve the students.

The second committee is ARA, which is chaired by Mark Johnson. This committee is working with ARA to improve the service for all students, including commuters. Other op-

tions for students are also being examined. Senate would like to make this committee permanent, so the students and ARA could continue to work together.

The constitution committee is re-writing the senate's constitution and changing the by-laws to improve the constitution and improve senate's effectiveness. Students may obtain a copy of the old and new constitution from a Senate representative (the new constitution is not complete as of this date), and all students will be able to vote on the changes in the constitution. People on this committee include Pete Hiller, Dan Maser, and Carol Heinbuch.

The visitation hours and pay-phone committees are both headed by Misi Stine. The visitation hours committee is working on surveys and a proposal to lengthen visitation hours. The pay-phone committee is working on a proposal which would mean installation of pay-phones in all of the dorm buildings.

For questions, concerns, or opinions for the committees, contact the committee chairpersons. They would appreciate any input from the student body so they can obtain the results the students desire.

Senate would like to announce that on Saturday, January 14, the movie, "Good Morning Vietnam" will be shown in the Student Union. Snow Week is also coming up fast, so watch for announcements.



"Okay, mystery spokesperson. What's the big problem?"



# Editorial/Letters

T H E S W O R D

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

This is a special Thank You extended to the writers, typists, layout people, Mike Cooper, my Co-Editors, and Dr. Nan Hackett-- Thank You for your hard work and support in recreating the SWORD! The small steps we have taken so far are only a beginning, so keep up the good work!

Also, Thank You to those people who have contributed their comments and constructive criticisms -- we cannot continue to improve without your feedback.

To those of you loyal readers, I hope you will continue to enjoy future editions of the SWORD!

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Jacqui*

DEAR EDITORS:

JUST A NOTE: My intent for this editorial is not to make people afraid, but to make people aware that this COULD happen to you...

Guess What! There is no such thing as date rape here at Concordia. Well, at least that is what an Administrator told a group of people that wanted to put up posters regarding date rape here at Concordia.

My first reaction to this was "You've got to be kidding!" But no, it is a fact that we at Concordia are all angels. If we talk about date rape, we have to talk about sex. Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot that SEX at Concordia is a naughty, naughty word!

Last year, my roommate was talking to a very upset freshman woman. She had gone out with a guy from Concordia and was date raped. Maybe it was because "It never happens here at Concordia", that she could not go to school officials for help.

The fact the Concordia Administrators are so narrow minded and blind to this potential problem is awesome! This is a college, and things like this happen at colleges across the nation! But not here at Concordia!

So my opinion is that CSP should treat this as a potential

problem. Don't just close your eyes and pray that this will never happen again! Let the publicity be put up, and perhaps we can stop this from happening again!

Sincerely,  
Ed

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ignorance is not bliss; it just hides the problem. Education is the best way to combat ignorance!



DEAR EDITORS:

How many of our students here at CSP have had the outrageously unfortunate experience of dealing with our wonderful staff in the AD building? Are my adjectives a bit delusory? Do you note a bit of sarcasm? Why, Yes, you do!

Each and every time a student on this campus is in need of getting anything accomplished, we run into the same problems. Confusion, disorganization, unwillingness to help, and probably worst of all, the people on our faculty/staff assume that we know what we are doing because they don't!

How unorganized and difficult will our offices become before we take some action? After all, would any of these people have a job without students? No, they would not! It seems to me that the students of this campus should have more control and power over the way our offices are run -- and especially who runs them. If this were the case, however, quite a few of our faculty/staff members would be minus one very rotten job.

It has been my ill-fated observation that no two people on the faculty/staff agree on any policy or have the same way of going about getting forms filled out and signed.

"Oh I don't have that form, I sent it to the ----- office." or "Didn't I show you this form two weeks ago?" or "I gave that to my secretary," (which, by the way, on this conservative campus run by males, would undoubtedly be a female), and so on and so on until finally it becomes so frustrating that you don't care anymore!

Let's just call it the CSP Run-Around. It takes on the average of three to four hours of unnecessary waiting in lines and being sent to various offices. It's ridiculous! With a campus this small, where's all the specialized attention? It's really frustrating, so let's do something about it. Conquer the word "assume" (we all know the true meaning of that word) and prove that our student body isn't filled with a bunch of wimps! It's a fact, and I know that more than just a few students will not be returning to this delightful "little" campus of ours. First of all, because they are not wimps, and secondly, they will not tolerate the CSP Run-Around!

DEAR EDITORS:

"Concordia has a maintenance problem." Assuming that statement is true, let's apply one of the techniques taught in Ed Psych, and determine who owns the problem. (Didn't think that Ed Psych stuff was good for anything, huh?)

Why don't we start with Hyatt windows. Every year windows mysteriously break in Hyatt Dorms. Spring quarter last year, the breakage averaged one window a week. The replacement glass costs \$92 per window. It requires 2 to 3 hours labor to change the glass. One suggested possibility on how these windows mysteriously break is that students throw rocks at them to attract the attention of the residents of Hyatt. (Concordia students wouldn't do that, would they?). Who owns this part of the problem? What would be a possible solution? (Hint..."He who lives in glass houses...").

Next let's think about six people responsible for the care and operation of 31 different buildings and 28 acres of real estate. Boggles the mind, doesn't it? Who owns this part of the problem? (Be careful, this is a sensitive area!).

What about those work requests for minor matters that seem to disappear, never to be heard from again? Who owns this part of the problem? (More than one possible answer here!).

How about this question? When was the last time in recorded human history that an 'us-vs-them' attitude helped solve a problem? (Ex. of 'us versus them' attitudes at CSP. "Maintenance never gets anything



fixed for us around here."  
 "Students just don't appreciate what we do around here.").  
 Whats the answer to the question? (Hint...Such an event is not recorded in the annals of human history.).

So who owns the problem? Are we searching for a collective scapegoat or searching for solutions? (Feels good to go on a witch hunt, but be careful--once the fire starts, no tell-in' who gets burned!). There are legitimate frustrations and concerns involved in the maintenance area at CSP. The problems are multi-facted; not one-sided. Solutions lie in recognizing each other as fellow redeemed Christians who are genuinly working for the common good. The solutions start with an attitude; the attitude of how can we solve this problem, as opposed to, who's to blame. What's you're part of the problem? More importantly, what are you going to do about it?

Paul Wendt

Dear Editors:

I have recently been treated very unfairly and also quite rudely in the process by Student Services. I realize that some freshmen must learn what can and can't be done by trial and error, but equal treatment should be given to students of all ages.

Receiving an allegation in the mail is not the best way to start a day, especially if you haven't done anything wrong. I found an allegation addressed to me in my mailbox for a visitation violation. However, on the date of the alleged violation, I was at home, more than an hour away from St. Paul!

Since there had obviously been a mistake, I didn't respond and pay the fine. But soon I got another notice in the mail saying that my fine was doubled because I didn't pay it on time!!

I met with Mr. Getzlaff and was put in a position of being guilty before proven innocent. I was shocked when I wasn't able to clear my name, and was told that I had better not be lying. I left before I became too angry, and set up an appointment with Dean Tesch.

Mr. Tesch finally allowed me to clear this matter up when he gave in to my pleading to look into another person's file to see that our names had been mixed up. However, it took me a great deal of my own time with little or no cooperation from Student Services (the S.S.).

Frankly, I resent being put in a no-win situation in which no one will listen to me or believe me. Student Services lost a lot of credibility with me, and especially a lot of my respect. Thank you, Editors, for listening, it's a refreshing change from what I'm used to at Concordia.

Clint Stoen

Dear Editor:

I would like to use this space to voice a bit of strongly felt opinion. I have a complaint, and it's directed at the student body in general.

Shape up!! Coming to college, I was under the impression we were all responsible adults, capable of following directions. But you have proved me wrong. I'm talking about policies concerning library computers. The established procedure for library computer use is simple. To use a computer, a person must "check it out". At the main desk, the circulation desk, are two three binder books. One says "Apples and Macintosh", the other says "Zenith and IBM". A student must open up the appropriate book, where he/she will find a check-out card (just as for books), and an orange slip for each computer. To check out a computer, sign your name on the card, write the time in the "IN" space, and take the orange slip. You may use it for two hours, after which you may check it out again if there is no one waiting. When finished, write the time in the "OUT" column of the check-out card and put back the orange slip.

That doesn't sound so difficult, right? So what's the problem?! People are misusing or completely ignoring the check-out system. I've heard a garbage truck full of excuses: "I'm only going to be here a minute," or "I just have to print a paper real quick," or "I signed in on this computer earlier." Why should you be excluded from the rules everyone else has to follow?! What makes you so special?

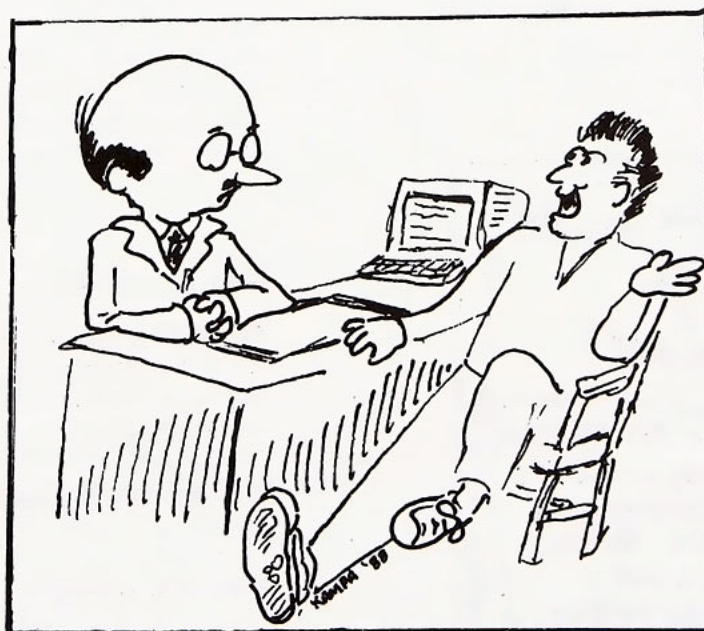
Try to see it from the other point of view. If you came and signed in for a computer properly and then found it being used by someone who didn't bother, you would be ticked off. Yet you'll do that very thing the next day.

Let's save everyone, and the library some needless aggravation. Sign in and out when you use the computers. They're available for our benefit, why make it a hassle.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Jim Scriven

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THE WAY I FIGURE WITH THE CHURCH, SYNOD,  
 FEDERAL, G.I. BILL, AND MY G.S.L. YOU OWE ME  
 \$16,973.!!



### A Bah-Humbug of a Show

by The Movie Mongrels

If you are in the "Bah-humbug" mood this Christmas season, "Scrooged" is the movie to see.

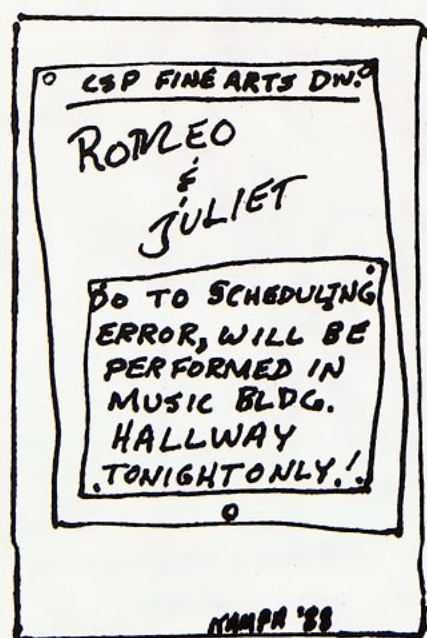
This off-the-wall cast is led by Bill Murray playing Frank Cross-the president of the IBC Network. Cross is a go-get-'em kind of guy who is Scrooge all year round.

"Scrooged" gets off to a slow start but picks up when the atypical ghosts start appearing. The Ghost of Christmas Past is a taxi driver, while the Ghost of Christmas Present defies the fairy-godmother stereotype when she gives Cross a little dose of "All-Star Wrestling." No one knows what the ghost of Christmas Future is; it can best be described as a cross between Darth Vader and Freddy Krueger.

The plot is predictable from the title. It revolves around Cross, who is producing an '80's version of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol". However, there is a twist at the end.

This movie is full of stars, including: John Forsythe, Robert Mitchum, Buddy Hackett, Lee Majors, Mary Lou Retton, Mabel King, Ann Ramsey, John Glover, Karen Allen, John Hausman, and the always insane Bobcat Goldwaith.

Only if you finish all of your homework over break do we recommend this movie. We give it a C+ only because of its craziness. "Scrooged" is not a must, but if you are a hard core Bill Murray fan, and you need a little Christmas mood, see "Scrooged."



ART FOR ART'S SAKE...

### The Good Doctor is in

Dear Dr. Seuss:

Grades have just come out, and mine aren't the best, I must say. I have never gotten a 'D' before. My parents will be devastated when I show them my grades. How could I break the news to them so it would be easier on all of us?

Below Average

Dear Below Average:

Be honest with your parents -- it will hurt all of you more if you hide the truth from them. Explain why you received the poor grade(s), then discuss the options available to you (such as retaking the class). Just take a deep breath and tell the truth!

Dear Dr. Seuss:

I am tired of fighting with winter already! I hate snow and cold weather. Any suggestions for me?

Frozen Stiff

Dear Frozen Stiff:

Sprout wings and fly south for the winter!

Dear Dr. Seuss:

Every year we always hear about how great the holidays are. For some of us, the holidays are not so great. Holidays can be lonely and painful. So would you please tell me what all this cheer is about?

A Lonely Soul

Dear Lonely Soul:

It is true that for some, the holidays can be a difficult time of the year -- but for others, they are extremely joyous! One must remember what we are celebrating and rejoice in our various gifts. At Thanksgiving, be thankful for all you have -- there are so many who are much worse off than ourselves. At Christmas, remember that we are celebrating the birth of our Savior -- rejoice in Christ's birth and God's love for us! Too often with the holidays, we emphasize the wrong things. Try to keep a proper perspective and rejoice in the positive aspects of life. Try not to dwell on the negative. Maybe by doing this, you can make your holidays, and someone else's, a little more joyous! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Dear Dr. Seuss:

My boyfriend has been getting upset with me lately because I have been so busy with school and my new friends on campus. How can I let him know there is enough of me to go around (without him biting my head off)?

Not Enough To Go Around

Dear Not Enough:

Communication!!! Sit down and talk to your boyfriend about the problem. College is a strain on relationships -- you are changing and growing. Let him know your feelings, and try to understand his.



# The Good Doctor is in

Dear Dr. Seuss:

I have had my eye on this certain upperclassman for 2 years now. The problem is I can't seem to get up the nerve to talk to him. The only girls he hangs around are freshman. I've heard him make the comment "Most upperclassmen are nerds". What do I do to get him interested?

Nerdy Upperclassman

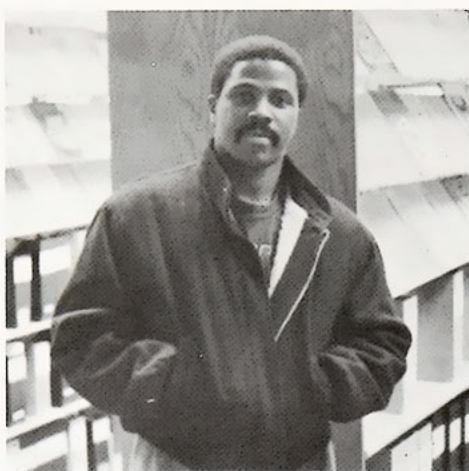
Dear Nerdy Upperclassman:

Talk to him and prove that upperclassmen are not nerds! Get to know him, and allow him to get to know you. If something develops, great! If not, move on to greener pastures!

The Good Doctor is still in! If you have anything to ask, any complaints or arguments that you need resolved, or advice about life in general, just write down what you want answered, put it in an envelope addressed to the Sword, and drop it in the mailroom mailbox. Heck, you don't even have to sign your name! Help keep the lonely Doctor busy, and get a question answered in the process...what a bargain!

## Concordia Speaks

"WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?"



Erle Murphy: A brand new 1988 Buick Park Avenue.



Lillie Rutz: Short hours and half the work .... and people not angry with me.



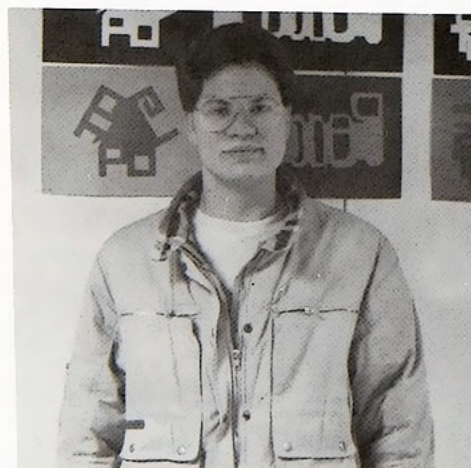
Dean Tesch: A week with no violations and allegations, and the skyway completed between my house and my office.



Lisa Hirsch: A cassette of Pink Floyd's "The Wall."



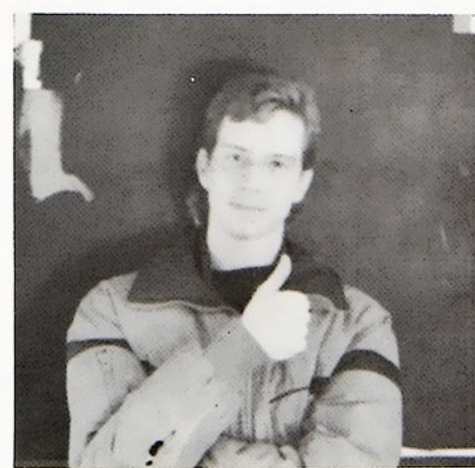
Tom Moue: To get "A's" for Christmas.



Sam Martin: A TV for Walther lounge.



Tiera Baumgart and Chuck Harris: A new car and a VCR.



Johnny Goetz: Racial equality, global peace, and a toaster.



## Shirley Herrick Displays Weavings

by Matthew Anderson

The lobby of the Fine Arts/Music Building is the current home of a collection of weavings by Shirley Herrick. The seventeen pieces exhibited span the spectrum of both form and content. The subjects of the weavings vary greatly from the more simplistic designs of geometric shapes and patterns to the relatively intricate images of flowers. The textures of Herrick's works also encompass a full range of weaving avenues, compelling one to touch them if no one is looking. The use of color is another technical aspect that is thoroughly explored in both intensity and hue. Not only do they show a diversified form format, but Shirley Herrick's weavings also convey a variety of meanings. Nature, religion, and a number of abstract symbols complement her more explicit subject matter.

Herrick is a resident of Fridley, Minnesota and a graduate of St. Olaf College. She has been actively involved in the Weaver's Guild and has won awards for her work from the Minnesota State Fair. She has done weaving for area churches, as the content of some of her works reveal. The prices for her work vary greatly for a number of factors, including size, from around \$9 to \$500. Weaving enthusiasts or anyone interested in indulging one of the five senses should take a few moments and enjoy weaving at its best.

## Film in the cities

by Tim Gordish

The concept of the North American family has been going through a transformation. Family violence as well as single parenthood are becoming more common. These important issues are the focus of a photography exhibit currently showing at the Film in the Cities gallery.

Inward/Outward: Family Changes will be on display until December 30 from 9-5 on weekdays and 1-5 on Sundays. Admission is free.

Featured in this show are three artists currently living in the Twin Cities: Vance Gallert, Clarissa Sligh, and Donusia Gozdziwicz.

Each artist portrays entirely different aspects of the family in their own unique way, stretching the medium to its far edges.

A photo-collage portrays a sense of the universal in Gozdziwicz's photo-essay of her immigration from Poland. Although the reality of the images, in her words, "never having existed, do nonetheless most closely document what had been my life." This very indirect self-portrait eludes to a great sense of nostalgia.

Sligh touches on a very sensitive, yet universal plague of modern families: family violence. She makes this statement very personal by using a combination of her family pictures and a hand-written script. She is very successful, and after close scrutiny of her work, one is left with a sense of shock, but not pity. These seemingly innocent images pack a hidden punch.

Vibrant color and blatant symbolism dominate the works by Gallert. He is a single parent with a baby son. He shows baby pictures that certainly will not bore you. His images take on modern fears of fatherhood. He sees himself as a very important part of his son's life, and fears that his faults may one day belong to his son. His photos are very surrealistic and his use of light is both dramatic and unnatural. He may be bording on cliché.

To get there, just catch a 16 bus on University Avenue heading toward Minneapolis. Get off of the bus at Raymond. The Address is 2388 University Avenue.

## A Taste of Japan

After taking a right-hand turn on to Louisiana Avenue in Golden Valley, the anticipated taste of fried rice is streaming through my car windows, and in about one minute I will arrive for my dinner reservation.

The Samurai Japanese Steak House is located 1 block North of Hwy 12 in Golden Valley. This unique restaurant resembles a Japanese atmosphere all in itself. The doorway has a Japanese old country wooden device that was used in fields to scare animals from crops. The stories about Japanese Samurai warriors are on the walls and menus.

After entering the main restaurant the host will take your name. One usually has a short wait (10 - 20 minutes). The bar is a unique waiting point at the Samurai; you can sit directly in front of the bar or you can sit on cushions in a dugout area like they do in Japan.

The Samurai is an entertaining and tasteful place to dine with one friend or an entire group. Eight are seated at one table and the food is prepared right before your eyes, with a lot of flames and fancy knife work.

After you're seated, the waitress approaches with hot towels to wash your hands (a Japanese tradition). Each meal comes with first onion soup - a clear broth with mushrooms, onions and spice; then a salad with a house ginger dressing, which is fabulous.

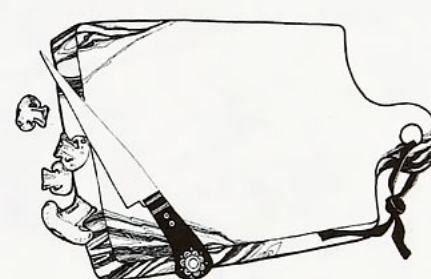
While you're enjoying your salad, the chef arrives to prepare your main course. With each meal you get your choice of an appetizer, either chicken livers, sauteed mushrooms, or my favorite, shrimp flambe'. On the menu there are several combination meals such as shrimp and chicken, filet and lobster, scallops and filet or you can choose just one, like sesame chicken. Each meal is served

with white rice, but for \$1.50 extra you can get Samurai Fried Rice. I have tried fried rice at several Japanese steak houses and I have never had any quite as good as the Samurai's. After dinner green tea is served to complete the digestion process.

Prices at The Samurai range from \$9.95 - \$19.95 for dinner. Each week in the Mpls Star and Tribune on Friday there is a Coupon good for 1 free steak and shrimp or steak and chicken dinner when a second is purchased; the cost of the meal is \$18.50.

Two people can enjoy a tasty and entertaining meal for a reasonable price. I strongly recommend making reservations if you plan to dine at the Samurai. So go ahead and clip a coupon and enjoy a dinner!

by The Galavanting Gourmet





# Rape On Concordia ?

by Phil Houser

The State of Minnesota defines rape in the following way:  
"A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years, if he engages in sexual penetration with another person and if any of the following circumstances exists:

- (C) Circumstances existing at the time of the act cause the complainant to have a reasonable fear of imminent great bodily harm to the complainant or another; or
  - (D) The actor is armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the complainant to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon and uses or threatens to use the weapon or article to cause the complainant to submit; or
  - (E) The actor causes personal injury to the complainant, and either of the following circumstances exist:
    - (i) The actor uses force or coercion to accomplish sexual penetration; or
    - (ii) The actor knows or has reason to know that the complainant is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless; or
  - (F) The actor is aided or abetted by one or more accomplices within the meaning of section 609.05, and either of the following circumstances exist:
    - (i) An accomplice uses force or coercion to cause the complainant to submit; or
    - (ii) An accomplice is armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the complainant reasonably to believe it to be a dangerous weapon and uses or threatens to use the weapon or article to cause the complainant to submit."
- MN SS 609.342

Unfortunately, many people suffer from a dangerous lack of knowledge when it comes to rape. In order to prevent a person from becoming a victim of this heinous crime it is important to discuss and understand how to prevent it.

The common thinking about rape is that it happens in dark alleys or that it happens in "bad" neighborhoods. The difficulty with this concept is that it leaves people with a false sense of security. In-

stead of being aware of their present surroundings they think that they will be safe as long as they avoid "bad" neighborhoods. The common misconception about rapists is that they are men in trench coats hiding in bushes. The problem with this social picture is that the overwhelming majority of rapists are not drooling perverts in trench coats.

There are three categories of rape: acquaintance rape, date rape, and stranger rape. There is absolutely no legal difference between these forms of rape. The only differences are the circumstances surrounding the crime.

Date rape is the most prevalent form of rape. Fifty percent of the reported rapes are date rapes. Date rape is also the most misunderstood form of rape. Date rapes happen every day to all kinds of women. "College students are more vulnerable to rape than any other age group. Nationally, the majority of reported victims and offenders are of college age. . . rape is by far the most prevalent, serious violent crime committed on college campuses." Date rape has very serious effects on the victim. These effects include a loss of an ability to trust, and feelings of guilt, fear, and depression. One of the problems with preventing date rape is that there is no one kind of individual that will commit the crime. There are, however, some attitudes that could reveal a potential rapist. Does your date express hostility toward women in general? Does your date act bossy, and treat you like property? Does your date view you as a sexual object, there only to serve their needs? Does your date idolize you or place you on a pedestal?

Even though it is difficult to tell who is likely to commit rape, there are ways to avoid becoming a victim. When on a date, clearly express what you want. Make it clear what your sexual limits are. Try to avoid secluded places. Do not go to a deserted place with someone you have just met. Have your own transportation, especially if you do not know your date well. Always beware of alcohol and other drugs. These narcotics make it harder for you to be in control of the situation. Above all, people should know that they have some rights and responsibilities regarding date rape.

Remember that you have the right to dress as you please,

agree to have sex with someone and then change your mind at any time, and be treated with respect at all times.

You also have responsibilities, including talking openly and honestly about your sexual expectations, wishes, and intentions. Asserting yourself by standing up for your rights and taking equal roles in your relationships are also part of your responsibilities. Women should also reject sexual stereotypes that portray them as passive, weak, and irrational.

The second type of rape is acquaintance rape. This form of rape is committed by a person who has some form of connection with the victim. It may be a member of a class they are taking, or a roommate's friend. This form of rape can be avoided by avoiding vulnerable positions and places with a person that isn't known to you very well. Be aware of your surroundings at all times if on a walk with more than one person. Try not to let your date lead you into any area not familiar to you or someplace you did not plan to go to. Let others around you know your schedule for when you will be gone. These may seem like suggestions for children or overly restraining, but they could save you from becoming a victim.

The third type of rape is stranger rape. This is the "traditional" form of rape that most people think of when they hear the word, "rape." Stranger rape occurs less frequently than the other types of rape. This does not mean that precautions should not be taken to avoid this type, however. Use common sense and good judgement to avoid this crime. Do not venture into unknown areas at night. Do not think that it can't happen to you. Be aware of possible hiding places as you walk (i.e. high shrubs or darkened doorways). The best way to prevent becoming a victim of rape is to use your head at all times and be aware of the possibility of the crime.

## Isaiah 9:2-7

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. . . . For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
Isaiah 9:2,6



# The Elves of St. Marty's

by Jim Scriven

I'm a security officer for our campus. I like my job, but from 10 pm - 2 am, there typically isn't much happening at CSP. However, last week one night was far from typical; I came upon a Christmas party, the likes of which I've never seen before.

On the top floor of the Administration Building was an unbelievable group of partygoers. They were all elves! Let me describe some of what I saw.

Over in one corner was a short grey-haired elf in a full length white robe confusing four other elves. He was saying "We rise" every fifteen seconds, but motioning downward with his hands. The other elves didn't know whether to stand or sit.

Pacing the room from wall to wall was an extremely thin elf walking swiftly and talking about the politics behind union labor in toy shops. Trying to talk to him was a female elf smiling from ear to ear. Nothing he said bothered the smile, but she rolled her eyes up at every outlandish suggestion.

Sitting at a table to my right were two elves discussing the theological base for Santa Claus. One seemed about to cry as he spoke, while the other fell asleep during the discussion in mid-sentence. The first elf then stood up and walked away, and I gasped in amazement for this elf threw his feet out so much further than the rest of his body that I was shocked to see him not fall back on his rump!

Directly in the center of the room were three short, plump elves with long noses and very big ears, walking in a circle. The first was grumbling about how he wasn't going to let that chubby guy in the red suit have a sleigh -- they were all reserved for the annual penguin sled-pulling marathon. The second elf was muttering about a proposition to charge a 1% gift tax on all children who misbehaved after October 1. The last elf was frantically explaining, "What does an elf have to do to get security? The reindeer shed has to be secure, it must be locked secure, you see it has to be secure, because secure is what the shed must be. It's got to be secure!".

Three last elves were by the punch. One was drinking from a coffee cup which she never put down. She juggled it from

hand to hand, and once put it on her head so she could talk with both hands. A very tall, stout elf was pouring the punch. His bare head glistened in the lights -- brighter than Rudolph's nose. The last elf, very tall and thin, was trying to make various statements, only he kept stumbling over his words, then spitting them out "and that kind of thing".

Being the proper security guard I am, I realized these unauthorized persons should not be on the premises. They looked fairly harmless, so I voted against sending in the dogs. I let go of my key chain and jangled it. The elves all instantly stared at me in shock, and then POOF, they were gone. They simply disappeared. So I secured the building and continued my rounds.

The characters portrayed in this article are fictional. Any resemblance to persons of teaching status is coincidental. (Then again, maybe not).



## Commuter Corner

by Shanda Franklin

Commuter and apartment students make up approximately 70% of Concordia's population. Sadly, most commuters do not participate in campus activities. This is understandable since commuters work, and that the scheduling of events may conflict with prior engagements. Student Senate would like to have more commuters involved in school activities.

Recently, commuter representatives for Student Senate met to discuss important issues. The representatives are diligently working to see that these issues are addressed. Senate needs input from both commuter and apartment students about issues that students feel should be pursued. Without input, Senate cannot fully represent these interests.

If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, please contact your commuter representative. Senate is here to serve you, and to make your experience here at Concordia as memorable as possible.

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